

**TONGA**  
**INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL**

ENGLISH	TONGA	TONGA PHONETIC
I am an American and I need your help, but I do not speak your language. I'll point to the question in your language and you can point to the answer in your language.	Ndili amelika / amelikan. Tandikanani ciTonga. Amundigwasye. Ndiyakujana a mubuzyo ciTonga, mpoona muyakujana ma answer mu ciTonga.	n-DIL-lee uh-MEL-li-kuh / uh-MEL-li-can. Tan-DEE-kuh-NA-ni chee-TON-guh. Ah-MOON-dee-GWAW-shee. Dee-YA-koo-JA-na a moo-BOOZE-yo chee-TON-guh, PONE-ya moo-YA-koo-JA-na ma an-sir moo chee-TON-guh.

**COMMUNICATION**

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Will you help me?	Sena amundigwasya?	see-NA ah-MOON-dee-gwa-SEE-ya?
Is there someone that speaks English?	Sena kuno a muntu kukanana cikuwa?	see-NA koo-NO ah MOON-too koo-KAH-na-NA jee-KOO-wa?
Are they willing to help me?	Sena bandigwasya?	see-NA ban-DEE-gwa-SI-ya?
Can they come here?	Ayanda, sena bayakuboola kuno?	eye-YAN-da see-NA ba-YA-koo-BOW-la koo-NO?
I must go now but, I want to thank you for your help.	Ino, ndilayanda kuanka, pesi, ndiyanda kulumba lugwasya.	EEH-no dee-lie-YAN-da gone-KA pess-SEE dee-YAN-da koo-LOOM-ba LOOG-wah-SEE-ya.
My government will repay you for your kindness.	Ma government ku amelika bayakupa mali nkaambo mundigwasya.	ma gov-ERN-ment koo uh-mel-LEE-ka bAYA-koo-PA MA-lee kam-BOW MOON-dee-gwa-SEE-ya.
I greatly appreciate your assistance.	Ndamvwa kabotu. Ndalumba maningi.	dam-VWA kah-BOW-too. da-LOOM-ba ma-NIN-gee.

**BASIC NEEDS**

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May I have some water?	Sena amundipe maanze/meende? <b>OR</b> Amundipe maanze / meende.	see-NA ah-MUN-dee-pay mah-NZ / men-DUH? <b>OR</b> ah-MUN-dee-pay mah-NZ / men-DUH.
May I have some food?	Sena amundipe cakulya? <b>OR</b> Amundipe cakulya.	see-NA ah-MUN-dee-pay ja-COOL-ya? <b>OR</b> ah-MUN-dee-pay ja-COOL-ya.
I am injured. Is there someone that can help me?	Ndijisi bulwazi. Amujane muntu amundigwasya.	dee-JEE-see buul-WA-zee. Ah-MOO-janay MOON-tu ah-MOON-dee-gwah-ss-YA.
Do you have any bandages?	Sena mujisi ma bandage / band-aid?	see-NA moo-JEE-see ma ban-dage / band-aid?
Can you contact someone to help me?	Sena amujane munti kundigwasya?	see-NA ah-MOO-ja-nay MOON-too koon-DI-gwa-si-ya?
Where is the latrine?	Sena kuli a cimbuzi?	see-NA COOL-li ah jim-BOO-zee?
I am very tired. Is there a place I can sleep?	Ndakatala maningi. Sena kuli cibaka koona?	da-KA-ta-LA MA-nin-gay. See-NA COOL-lee jee-BA-ka GO-nah?
May I have a blanket, or more clothing?	Amundipe ma blanket. Amundipe zisani. Impeyo maningi.	ah-MUN-dee-pay ma blan-ket. Ah-MUN-dee-pay zee-SA-nee. Em-PAY-yo MA-nin-gay.

### TRAVEL

ENGLISH	TONGA	TONGA PHONETIC
Can you show me my location on a map?	Sena amundilibonya ma location a ma mappe?	SEE-na ah-MOON-dil-LEE-bone-ya ma lo-KAY-shun a ma map-PEE?
Can you send word that I am alive?	Amubambilile bantu ma message a mebo: ndili kabotu.	ah-MOO-bam-bil-LAY bahn-TOO ma mes-sage ah MAY-bow: DIL-lee kah-BOW-too.
How far is it to friendly territory?	Sena buti kulaale cibaka kabotu?	SEE-na BOO-tee koo-LA-lee jee-BA-kah kah-BOW-too?
Can you take me there?	Amundibwesa a cibaka kabotu.	ah-MOON-dee-bway-ZUH a jee-BA-kah kah-BOW-too.
If you cannot take me, will you give me directions?	Ayanda tamundibwese, amundipe ma directions.	EYE-yan-duh ta-MOON-dee-bway-ZEE, ah-MOON-dee-pay ma dir-RECT-shuns.
Is it safe to travel now?	Sena kabotu kuanka kuno?	SEE-na kah-BOW-too gonk-KAH goo-NO?
Which way do you advise me to travel?	Sena amundigwasye kujana nzila / mugwagwa kuanka?	SEE-na ah-MOON-dee-gwa-SEE koo-JA-na en-ZEE-la / moo-GWA-gwa GONE-kah?
How can I travel?	Sena buti kuanka?	SEE-na boo-TEE GONE-kah?
Automobile	Motokala?	mow-TOW-kah-la?
Train	Ma trainee?	ma train-NEE?
Boat	Ma boatee?	ma boat-TEE?
Cart/Wagon	Ma wagonee?	ma wa-GONE-nee?
Pack Animal	N'gombe? Bongolo?	en-gome-BAY? bon-GO-low?
On Foot	A maulu?	ah ma-OOH-loo?

### UNFRIENDLY

ENGLISH	TONGA	TONGA PHONETIC
What types of troops are in the area?	Sena mwabona ma military troops a kuno?	SEE-na mwa-BONE-na ma mil-LIT-taree troops ah KOO-no?
Are they army troops?	Sena bantu bali ma army / ma military troops?	SEE-na BAN-too ba-LEE ma ARM-mee / ma mil-li-TARE-ree troops?
Are they militia?	Sena bantu bali ma militia troops?	SEE-na BAN-too ba-LEE ma mill-LISH-sha troops?
Have you noticed any increase of troops or patrolling?	Sena mwabona bantu ba military maningi-ningi ?	SEE-na mwah-BONE-nah BAN-too ba mil-li-TARE-ree ma-NING-gee NING-gee ?
When do they patrol?	Sena lili bantu ba military bweenda ma patrolling?	SEE-na LILL-lee BAN-too ba mil-li-TARE-ree BWEN-duh ma pat-TROLL-ling?
Are you aware of others like me?	Sena mwazyiba aumbi munti ku amelika – a mebo ?	SEE-na MWA-zee-buh ah-OOM-bee MOON-too ah-MEL-leek-uh – ah MAY-bo ?
Can you take me to them?	Amundigwasye kujana aumbi munti ku amelika – a mebo?	ah-MOON-dee-gwa-SEE koo-JA-nah ah-OOM-bee MOON-too ah-MEL-leek-uh – ah MAY-bo?

## VOCABULARY

ENGLISH	TONGA	TONGA PHONETIC
Hello	Kamwamba!	kah-m-WAM-bah
Goodbye	Amusyaale	ah-MOO-shall-LAY
Thank you	Ndalumba	n-dah-LOOM-bah
Please	Amu	ah-MOO
Ammunition	Ma weapon, ma gun	ma-WEA-pone, ma-GON
Armed Vehicle	Motokala antoomwe ma gun	mo-TOW-kah-LA an-TOME-way ma-GON
Checkpoint	Ma check-point	ma CHECK-point
Day	Buzuba	boo-ZOO-bah
Danger	Mapenzi	mah-PEN-zee
Desert	Ma desert	ma dez-ZERT
East	East	east
Evening	Izuba umana	eeh-ZOO-bah OOH-ma-nah
Food	Cakulya	ja-COOL-yah
Good	Kabotu	kah-BOW-too
Bad	Tali kabotu	TAH-lee kah-BOW-too
Here	Kuno	GOO-no
Hour	Ciindi	JIN-dee
Kilometer	Kilometer	kilo-MEE-ter
Knife	Ma knifee	ma nye-FEE
Leader	Sibuku	see-BOO-koo
Medicine	Musamu	moo-SAH-moo
Men	Muntu	MOON-tu
Women	Mukaintu	moo-GUY-in-TOO
Minute	Ciindi	JIN-dee
Morning	Cifumofumo / kuseeni	jee-FOO-mo-FOO-mo / koo-SEN-nee
Mountain	Malundu	mal-LOON-du
Night	Masiku	mah-SEE-goo
North	North	north
Pass	Iindilila	end-DEE-lee-LA

Pistol	Ma pistol	ma pis-toll
Radio	Ma radio	ma rah-DEE-yo
River	Mulonga	moo-LONG-gah
Road	mugwagwa	moo-GWAH-gwah
Shelter	N'ganda [a koona]	en-GAN-duh [ah GO-na]
South	South	South
There	Okwiya	oak-GWEE-ya
Valley	Valley	VAL-lee
Village	Munzi	MOON-zee
Water	Meenda / maanze	MEN-duh / mah-n-ZEE
Weapon	Ma weaponee	ma weh-PONY
West	West	West
Yes	eeh	AAY
No	Peepe	pep-PAY
1	One	One
2	Two	Two
3	Three	Three
4	Four	Four
5	Five	Five
6	Six	Six
7	Seven	Seven
8	Eight	Eight
9	Nine	Nine
10	Ten	Ten
20	Twenty	Twenty
30	Thirty	Thirty
40	Forty	Forty
50	Fifty	Fifty
60	Sixty	Sixty
70	Seventy	Seventy
80	Eighty	Eighty
90	Ninety	Ninety
100	One hundred	One hundred
500	Five hundred	Five hundred
1000	One thousand	One thousand

Note: ciTonga numbers are the same in ciTonga as in English